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Di Collinson:
Now you may feel rather isolated as you start on your degree studies. You may feel that working alone is a very difficult thing. But let's think a bit more carefully about just what's involved in working alone. Suppose I'm reading a book for instance, well, there's the book itself and that's one point of view, and then there's me reading it and that's another. But the self that reads the book isn't just a passive receiving self, there are those balloons with thinks in them that come out of my head. I mean, it's rather like this: I'm reading Jane Eyre. Mr Rochester and Jane have declared their love for each other and Mr Rochester is rejoicing over how he'll buy beautiful clothes and jewellery for his shy, quiet Jane.

"'I will attire my Jane in satin and lace, and she shall have roses in her hair; and I will cover the head I love best with a priceless veil.'
'And then you won't know me, sir; and I shall not be your Jane Eyre any longer, but an ape in a harlequin's jacket, - a jay in borrowed plumes. I would as soon see you, Mr Rochester, tricked out in stage-trappings, as myself clad in a court-lady's robe; and I don't call you handsome, sir, though I love you most dearly: far too dearly to flatter you. Don't flatter me.'
He pursued his theme, however, without noticing my deprecation. 'This very day…' "

Peter Dunkley V/O:
Deprecation? What does that mean? Better get the dictionary.

Di Collinson:
 "Deprecate: plead against, express, wish against or disapprove of." I see.

"He pursued his theme, however, without noticing my deprecation." Without noticing my disapproval.

Peter Dunkley V/O:
Deprecate: Don't get it mixed up with depreciate, that's what the pound usually does. Deprecate, express, wish against, disapprove of.

Di Collinson:
Of course it isn't always vital to look up an unfamiliar word in the dictionary. Sometimes one can get meaning from the context anyway, but I do think the dictionary habit is a good one, and the secret of it is to keep your dictionary by you when you're working.